GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6539
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VRS IN FCI
Chauhan Shri Nihal Chand

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Food Corporation of India (FCI) has introduced Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) for its staff/officers during the last one year;

(b) if so, whether the said scheme has been cleared by the Government;

(c) if so, whether the Government has issued the required notification for extending retirement benefits to the staff/officers availing VRS;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by when it is likely to be issued;

(e) the details of staff/officers availing the benefit of this scheme in the country especially Western Uttar Pradesh during the said period; and

(f) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure retirement benefits to such staff/officers at the earliest?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a), (b), (c) & (d): Yes, Sir. With a view to rationalizing the manpower and reducing the establishment cost and improving the operational efficiency, the Food Corporation of India (FCI) introduced a Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) for its employees on 29th June, 2004, with the approval of the Government.

(e): The number of employees/officers who have retired under the VRS are as under:

Category-I 96
Category-II 2057
Category-III 4591
Category-IV 2033

Total 8777

The number of employees/officers who have retired under the VRS in Uttar Pradesh Region are as under:

Category-I 4
Category-II 159
Category-III 235
Category-IV 139

Total 537

(f): The FCI has issued instructions for prompt payment of retirement dues to the retirees.